



***Roots to grow, Wings to fly'
They will soar on wings like Eagles
Isaiah 40:31***

The **Roots** of our school community nurture, support and challenge us to **Grow** to be the best version of ourselves.

The **Wings** of faith, strength and resilience allow us to **Soar** freely and flourish, now and in the future.

Dates for your diary

Mon 24th November	School photographer – see below
Fri 28th November	Non-uniform for a hamper donation
Thurs 4th December	PTFA Present wrapping day
Thurs 4th December	Year 4,5 & 6 to WEMA singing event
Fri 5th December	Christingle service 9am – note new time
Sat 6th December	Cross Country 3 at Dursley RFC
Fri 12th December	Pantomime trip for whole school
Tues 16th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tues 16th December	Year 5 & 6 taster day at KLB
Weds 17th December	Christmas lunch
Weds 17th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm
Thurs 18th December	Christmas jumper day & parties
Thurs 18th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 19th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY

Christmas lunch



Our Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 17th December & the menu is attached to this newsletter for your information.

As the kitchen needs to know numbers in advance, we will assume that **all children will be having a school lunch** that day. Please ensure that you have enough funds on Arbor to pay for this.

We will also assume that your child will be having the main choice but if they would like the vegetarian, jacket potato or tomato pasta option, please let us know before December 5th.

Similarly, if your child doesn't want the lunch on that day, please let the school office know.

Please note that the dessert is actually a chocolate pudding made to look like a Christmas pudding!

Thank you for supporting our RBL Poppy Appeal again this year. We collected £168.24 through sales of poppies & RBL merchandise.

In school this week

On Monday a squad of Y5/6 pupils went to Yate Academy to play a Tchoukball fixture against Barrs Court School. This was the first time that the children of St. Andrew's had played this sport, whereas Barrs Court had been playing for a few years. At the end of a very exciting match, the final score was 17 – 17. The game was competitive but played with all players following our school sporting values. A special mention goes to Hunter and Orla, who were exceptional.

On Wednesday, we received a visit from Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester. St. Andrew's was the only school that she was visiting within the deanery and we felt blessed that we were chosen.

Bishop Rachel met for refreshments with staff and governors, before being given a tour of the school by Bea and Libby from Y6. Eagles class then hosted a Q&A session with the Bishop. She was really impressed with the range of questions they had prepared and also their responses when she asked them questions. Finally, Bishop Rachel led a whole school collective worship and talk about the importance of being unique and being a friend to others. In addition, they talked about the clothes she wears as a Bishop and her staff and mitre.

KS2 Christmas Service

We have now started preparing for our KS2 Christmas Service, which will be held in St. Andrew's church at 6pm on Wednesday 17th December. Our Christmas service is one of the highlights of the year, so we ask that every child is available to attend on that evening as we celebrate Christmas as a whole school community.

Parent Forum

This week, we held our first parents' forum meetings of the year. Anna Imrie and Andrea Helyar gave us an update about the PTFA fundraising and the term ahead. All the parents within the core PTFA team have children in Year 5 so we are on the lookout for new members to join the team. The fundraising makes all the difference to our community and the learning experience we offer our children.

At a previous meeting, parents asked about guidance on mobile phones and Mr Pike introduced a parent guide that has been created to support parents and children.

This guide is attached to this newsletter and is available on the school website: [St. Andrew's Church of England VC Primary School - Mobile phones - a guide for parents](#)

There are several useful links within this guide that you might want to explore as a family. Finally, Tony Parker, our Chair of Governors gave an update on potential future plans for the school, especially joining a multi- academy trust. Further information will be sent out to parents in Term 3.

Thank you for supporting our BBC Children in Need Appeal this year. We collected £91.13.

Cromhall Village Hall

You are all invited to the Christmas tree lighting & carols at Cromhall village hall on Friday 19th December, 5pm to 7.30pm. See the poster on our noticeboard.

There will be a raffle, mulled wine & of course, plenty of carols!



School photographer

Our photographer will be in school on Monday 24th November to take individual & family photos. You are welcome to bring pre-school children in at 8.30am for a family shoot.

We expect all children to wear **full school uniform** please.

PTFA

As always, our PTFA are busy at this time of year. They have arranged a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November, in return for a donation for the Christmas hampers:

- Infants (R, Y1 & Y2) chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola.
- Juniors (Y3-Y6) hamper donation for the raffle.

If you don't have time to organise anything but would like to contribute, please contact the PTFA and they will buy some chocolate or a hamper gift on your behalf.

Present wrapping is on December 4th. Today is the last day to place your orders with the PTFA – see the poster on the noticeboard & our previous email for more details.

Finally, the PTFA are organising a Christmas Fayre on Thursday 18th December. More details to follow.

Bishop Rachel's visit to Year 5 & 6 this week



Finally, please find attached information regarding music lessons for Term 3 from WEMA

